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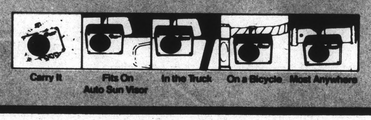

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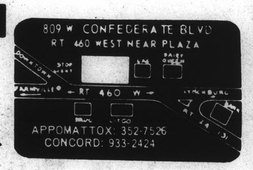

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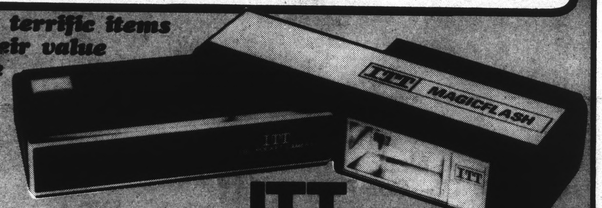

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings from Martha Street in Historic Appomattox. Saturday morning sounds of shouting and vigorous action were heard, so I checked it out, and 'twas the ACHS football squad at practice. Drove by for a quick inspection and was surprised to see well over a hundred fans watching. Call it "The Sound of Music" for our sportsminded fraternity. Opening varsity game is at Covington; first home game with William Campbell.

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Saturday I went out my back door to my garden spot, and found nothing. Came back in and went to the front door, and there was a large bag filled with nice tomatoes! No note from the unknown benefactor, but thanks. And Rufus Cawthorne brought us some nice garden items.

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I paused in a local store at the section where records are sold. Several customers were seeking recordings by the late Elvis Presley. Sold out, but promises that a new supply would be available.

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Another prominent entertainer has departed...Groucho Marx. My late father was a Baptist minister for sixty years and I recall the only time he ever attended a movie show. Sound movies had just come out, and Dad was invited as a guest to see The Marx Brothers in "Animal Crackers." Personally, my favorites were Chico and Harpo.

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I came across a list of professional men, doctors and lawyers, etc. who practiced in Appomattox and asked at the bottom of the column to be advised of any ommissions. Readers have come forth with a number of additions, and I found others on my own. Dr. Michael Finnigan practiced for a while at Pamplin. Up Stonewall way there was Dr. Bass. Dr. John Hamlet was a dentist, as was a Dr. Williams, Red House. Frank M. McCann practiced law at Appomattox and I recall an attorney named Brown. My friend, Stuart McD. Farrar, of Pamplin, published a 1850 Census of Appomattox County, with occupations where that information was available. In that Census, listed as doctors and lawyers were: Joel Walker Flood, physician; Henry D. Flood, lawyer; Willis P. Bocock, lawyer; William D. Christian, physician; Charles T. Bocock, student of medicine; James Nowlin, physician; Frederick W. Isbell, physician; Wyatt W. Hamner, physician; Reuben D. Palmer, physician; William B. Abbitt, student of medicine; James Pendleton, physician; Lewis D. Isbell, lawyer; David C. Jones, physician; George S. Fuqua, lawyer; John Sears, student of medicine; David P. Robertson, physician; Isham E. Bass, physician, Crawford H. Jones, lawyer; James T. Ewers, physician; William White, student of medicine; Bezer Snell, physician; Noble Snell, lawyer; E. M. W. Durply, physician; E. W. Durphy, physician; James W. Woodson, lawyer; Robert H. Cox, dentist. Thus at the time of The War Between the States, there was a large group of professional people in the county. In the 1860 Census, I checked the occupations of those listed. One captain of a packet boat, one ferryman, one pedler, two iron masters, two hotel keepers, one tavern keeper, two collectors, blacksmiths, saddlers, tanners, keeper of poor house, well digger, ditcher, cooper, distiller, saddler, musicians, etc. I counted a dozen teachers. What, no Columnists? Top occupation in number...farmers Second, laborers. I may come back to such listings again, and always welcome additions.

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Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

Virginia Fibre President Is "Original Stockholder"

Virginia Fibre Corporation President and Founder Robert R. Macauley received an honor few people have in Virginia. He is now a "stockholder" in the original "Virginia Company", the first corporation in America.

The presentation of a replica share of stock was made last Wednesday by J. Frank Alspaugh, director of Industrial Development for the state.

The replica share of stock, dated Jamestown, 1609, has been presented only a few times to persons or firms who have made significant contributions to the economy of Virginia.

President day Commonwealth Governor Mills E. Godwin signed the award to Macauley. Assisting Alspaugh with the presentation was Industrial Development representative Col. Peter O. Ward.

Macauley stated that though the award was to him personally, he was accepting "on behalf of all those people who worked together to make Virginia Fibre a success."

Also present at the luncheon were members of the local governing bodies, Virginia Fibre Vice President and Resident Manager W. W. "Jack" Ricketson Sr. and other VF officials.

The presentation was made at Riverview, the guest house owned by Virginia Fibre in Appomattox County. The award came almost two years to the date that the nation's largest independent producer of corrugating paper began production at Riverville.

Virginia Fibre Corporation President Robert C. Macauley receives a replica share in the original "Virginia Companie" last Wednesday as an award for bringing the nation's largest independent producer of corrugating paper to Virginia. Making the presentation is J. Frank Alspaugh, director of Industrial Development for the state. With them are Virginia Fibre Vice President and Resident Manager W. W. "Jack" Ricketson Sr., right, and Industrial Development representative Col. Peter O. Ward.

New Officers Elected For CJAC

New officers elected recently for the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC are Chief M. T. Harrison of the Bedford Police Department, chairman; Roland Murphy of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Appomattox, vice chairman; Chief James R. Ford, Jr. of the Appomattox Police Department, parliamentarian.

The CJAC, at a special meeting in July, appointed a subcommittee to study the proposed reorganization of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). A. Terrell Griffin, director of the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Training Center, was named to chair the subcommittee which was delegated power to act for the CJAC.

Griffin said the group will examine a U. S. Justice Department task force report to U. S. Attorney General Griffin B. Bell. Restructing of LEAA recommended by the report would directly affect law enforcement and local and regional law enforcement planning activities.

Lions Club Ladies Night Set Saturday

There is a change in the date but no change in the traditional high quality of food for the Lions Club Annual Steak Cookout set for Saturday, August 27.

In an effort to make attendance more convenient, the annual Ladies Night for August has been changed to **Saturday** night beginning at 6 p.m. at the Woodmen of the World Building.

The meal will be served at 6 p.m. with planned sports activities following at 7 p.m. Members and their guests are asked to dress casually for activity participation. The evening will wind up with dessert.

Each member is reminded to bring his lady, a steak knife, fork, spoon and a GOOD APPETITE!

FFA ALUMNI HELD ANNUAL MEETING

The Appomattox FFA Alumni Association met Friday evening, August 19, in the cafeteria of Appomattox County High School. Mr. James Bennett, Alumni Council Chairman, presided over the meeting. Thirty-two members and guests were present to enjoy a steak dinner and review the activities of the two local FFA Chapters over the past year.

Pictured above are members of the Alumni Council as they met to discuss plans for the coming year and to elect officers. The new officers are: Chairman - Mr. Jimmy Drinkard, vice Chairman - Mr. Sammy Scott, Secretary - Mr. Hugh Tanner, Treasurer - Mr. Marvin House, Jr., and Member - Mr. James Bennett.

The FFA Alumni Association is an organization of former FFA members and other interested persons who lend their support to the present FFA members in Appomattox County. Some activities which the group will support during the coming year are Sponsorship of two award plaques, sponsorship of two FFA members to the State FFA Leadership Conference, selling of Citrus fruit with the local FFA Chapters, and cooperation in various Community service projects with the local FFA.

Anyone in the community who is interested in becoming a member of this fine organization can contact any of the council members listed above or the Agriculture Department at Appomattox County High School.

Garden Club Plans August 29 Meeting

The Appomattox Garden Club will meet Monday night, August 29th at 7:30 p.m. for a Garden Party at the home of Mrs. Ruth Webb. (Please note change in date.) This will be the first meeting of the new club year.

Officers were installed at the dinner meeting in May of this year at Falling River Country Club. At this meeting the club honored Mrs. Margaret Shields outgoing president, with a Life Membership in the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

New officers who will be in charge of the August 29th meeting are Miss Edith O'Brien, President; Mrs. Marion Harwood, Vice President; Mrs. Ruth Webb, Secretary; and Mrs. Carolyn Tolley, Treasurer.

The program committee has planned a fun meeting for August 29th and all members are expected to be present.

110 Attended Tour August 18

One hundred ten farmers, bankers, professional agriculturists gathered at Virginia Fibre Corporation to begin the Robert E. Lee Soil & Water Conservation District's annual conservation tour.

Bill Slagle, Public Relations Manager, and other Virginia Fibre employees showed the group how paper is made. The giant mill consumes 400 cards of wood a day, with most of it coming from Appomattox, Buckingham, Amherst and Nelson Counties. Four hundred to five hundred tons of corrugated medium to be used in cardboard boxes are produced each day.

The second feature of the tour was the Buffalo River Watershed project. Amherst County has purchased all of the four lake sites for public reacreation.The Virginia Commission of Game & Inland Fisheries will construct boat ramps and parking lots. Access roads will be constructed by the Virginia Department of Highways. Two of the lakes will also be used for municipal water.

One of the lakes is nearly completed and another under construction.

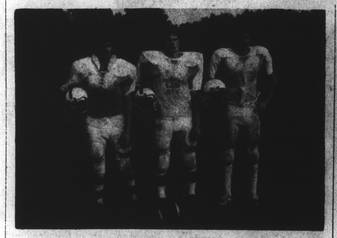
After observing the fine golf course and other recreational facilities at Winton County Club, the tour was climaxed with a banquet at the club house.

The tour was co-sponsored by the Robert E. Lee Soil & Water Conservation District and Fidelity American Bank.

Edwin Fitzgerald of Amherst conducted the tour.

Raiders Open Season At Covington Friday Night

By Billy Conner



RAIDER TRI-CAPTAINS - Leading the ACHS Raiders in their opening game Friday night at Covington will be Tri-Captains, left to right above, Robert Dyess, senior; Jay Franklin, senior; and Joe Fraley, junior.

The Appomattox County High School Raider football team will travel to Covington Friday night, August 26th, to take on the Cougars in a non-district game.

This will be the Raiders first game under the leadership of new head coach Stuart Justus. Assisting Justus in the coaching duties will be Ray Archer, Charles Wilkerson and "Plicky" Williams. Head JV Coach Coty Dickerson and JV assistant coach Tom Forest will also be assisting in the coaching.

Assistant coach "Plicky" Williams, who scouted the Covington team during a controlled scrimmage, rates the Cougars as big, strong and fast but hastens to add, "they can be beaten. It will take a super effort by the Raiders," says Williams, "but it is not an impossible task."

Injuries and illness have caused many of the Raiders to miss several practice sessions, and lack of experienced players will definitely be a factor. The offensive backfield will have the most experience with Quarterback Joe Fraley and Running Backs Jay Franklin and John Rothgeb returning. Freddy Mitchell, Timmy Davidson, and Ronnie Preston are candidates for the Fullback slot.

The offensive line will be built around Robert Dyess and Bobby Harris, the only starters back from last year, and fans will be seeing an all new defensive unit with the exception of Dyess and R. L. Harris. Harris is out with a broken ankle but could be ready for the first home game on September 9th.

The Raiders had an excellent season last year, winning eight and losing only two, but fans are reminded that graduation took its toll and this will have to be considered a rebuilding year.

Your attendance and encouragement from the stands will be a big factor in building their confidence, so travel with the team if possible, but by all means attend the home games beginning September 9th when the Raiders host William Campbell in a Seminole District contest.

Appomattox County Eligible For Tax Relief

Richmond, Va.--Tax relief may be available for Virginia taxpayers who reside in an additional four counties of the state declared disaster areas by the President because of the drought.

Farmers are the primary people eligible for relief. The one special provision available to them is in the area of the sale of livestock. They may elect to defer reporting the sales proceeds from the sale of certain livestock if the sale was due to drought conditions. If, because of drought conditions, they sell livestock that they held primarily for sale in excess of the number they would have sold if they had followed their usual business practice, they may elect to include the sales proceeds in their next year's income, but only if the following conditions are met: 1) they use the cash method of accounting; 2) they can establish that under their usual business practices, the sale or exchange would not have occurred except for the drought conditions; and 3; the drought conditions have resulted in their area being designated as eligible for assistance by the Federal government.

The counties of Amelia, Appomattox, Chesterfield and Nelson were designated eligible for Federal assistance by the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration Administrator.

The following counties were previously designated eligible for assistance by the federal Disaster Assistance Administration Administrator on July 23: Augusta, Clarke, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Fredrick, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Page, Prince William, Rappahannock, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Stafford and Warren. On August 1 the declaration was amended to include the counties of Albemarle, Bath, Brunswick, Buckingham, Caroline, Charles City, Cumberland, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Highland, King George King William, Lancaster, Middlesex, New Kent, Orange, Powhatan, Prince George, Richmond, Rockbridge and Spotsylvania.

Taxpayers who have questions should contact their local IRS office or call the IRS toll-free by dialing 1-800-552-9500. A helpful IRS booklet, Publications 225, "Farmer's Tax Guide," is available free from IRS offices.

Fidelity American Bank Will Sponsor Drought Assistance Meeting

This summer's unprecedented drought has affected thousands of Virginia's farmers and small businessmen to the extent that many parts of the state have been declared disaster areas. Although assistance is available to those who have suffered losses, there is still much confusion as to which agency should be contacted and exactly what aid can be provided.

In order to clarify the situation, Fidelity American Bank will sponsor, as a public service, a Disaster Assistance Meeting on August 29. The meeting will be held in Appomattox County School Auditorium from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. There is no charge for admittance.

Among the topics to be covered are the various types of assistance available, what counties have been approved for each type of aid and who qualifies for each type. Also to be discussed will be whom to contact in each county, what information must be submitted with the application, deadlines for applying, and accepted procedures for estimating losses.

Representatives from state agencies who will appear on the panel are: A. Lee Mitchell, Chief of Farmer Programs, Farmers Home Administration; Daniel E. Moore, District Director V, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service; Gene Sullivan, Chairman of Finance, Small Business Administration; and Raymond D. Vaughan, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce. The meeting is being planned and coordinated by Stanley O. Forbes, Fidelity vice president and agricultural services officer.

Each of the speakers will explain what assistance can be provided through his own agency. A question and answer period will follow the panel discussion.

The meeting is open to all farmers and small businessmen in the central and southside area including, but not limited to, the counties of Pittsylvania, Amherst, Cumberland, Appomattox, Charlotte, Campbell, Nelson, Buckingham, Nottoway, Mecklenburg, Bedford, Amelia, Prince Edward, Lunenburg, and Halifax.

Tickets On Sale For First ACHS Football Game

Tickets for the Friday night Appomattox - Covington football game, the season opener for ACHS, will be on sale at the office at Appomattox County High School all day today, Thursday and until 2 p.m. on Friday.

Student tickets will be $1.00 and adult tickets will be $2.00. All tickets at the gate in Covington will be sold for $2.00.

Get your tickets early, come out and support the Raiders Friday night.

Appomattox Survey Completed

A survey instrument to assess housing conditions and other social and economic data is available for use by local jurisdictions.

The Town of Appomattox used the instrument to conduct a housing survey to complete the housing assistance plan to meet application requirements for Community Development Block Grant funds. The survey also included attitutde information to met other specific needs of the town.

A significant result of the survey was that the most dominant group of the town's population is retired elderly couples.

The survey instrument was developed by graduate students from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Ann VandeGraff CVPDC housing planner, coordinated the original development of the instrument at the request of the commission's Governmental Administrators Technical Committee.

Mrs. VandeGraff noted that the questionnaire can be modified to add specific requirements of individual jurisdictions and to provide objective information about a community for various uses. She said it would be a valuable tool for use by jurisdictions which could not develop the instrument locally.

Appomattox Town Manager Bill Britton, with input from the Appomattox Town Council, coordinated their survey with Longwood College students conducting the questionnaire.

Britton said the lack of funds for Appomattox to develop and

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Board Of Public Welfare Held Meeting

The Board of Public Welfare for Appomattox County convened for their regular meeting on August 17, 1977.

Members of the Board are Richard D. Robinson of Appomattox, R. Clayton Martin of Oakville, and Joseph M. Cobb, Jr. of Pamplin. Mr. Robinson, Chairman, and Mr. Martin, Vice Chairman, were recently elected to their respective offices for the second term. Mr. Cobb, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, represents the governing body of Appomattox County on the Board.

Mr. Martin, Mr. Robinson and Mrs. Virginia Babcock, Director of Social Services, are shown in photo from left to right. Mr. Cobb was unable to be present for the picture.